

## POLITICAL SITUATION DISCUSSED

**Judge Parker Goes to New York City From Esopus and Holds Many Conferences With Party Leaders.**

**Rep Ore Historical Society Importance Lower House.**

## ADVICE OF EDITOR RIDDER

**Says Democrats Ought to Concentrate Their Energies in What He Believes to Be Six Doubtful States.**

Portland, Sept. 22.—The police today arrested a young woman living under duress in a filthy hut on the banks of the Willamette, together with a man who held the girl a prisoner, compelling her to wear the apparel of a man to hide her identity.

The girl gives the name Della Earl, and told the officers she eloped from a farm near Lansing, Mich., with the man, whose name is Frank Allen. From Lansing they went to Chicago, thence to Elgin, where she was obliged to don male attire. From Elgin they came west in a wagon and by beating their way on trains, mixing with tramps and vagrants and sometimes suffering arrest, her sex never being discovered until today.

She says Allen chained her up at night so that she could not escape him, and when found today she was a prisoner in Allen's hut. Allen has earned the usual living of a roustabout, and was about to take the girl to California in a wagon. Both were held under charges of vagrancy. Additional charges of threats to murder and other crimes have been placed against Allen.

## BOY SHOTS HIS CHUM.

**Sad Accident at Fulton as Result of Youthful Carelessness.**

Portland, Sept. 22.—Lads at play with a rifle led to the usual tragedy at Fulton today. Charles Edelman, a lad 16 years of age, was shooting in a field with a rifle when Carl Loewig, a chum, came riding down the road on a bicycle. Loewig held up his hat for Edelman to shoot at, but the bullet flew wide of the mark, entering Loewig's head at the base of the brain. He died almost instantly. Edelman was arrested.

## RETURN TO WASHINGTON.

**President and Family Back Again From Sagamore Hill.**

Washington, Sept. 22.—President Roosevelt and family arrived at the White house this evening from Sagamore, where they had been spending the summer.

The president's train was delayed about 36 minutes by an accident to the rear drive wheel of the locomotive as it entered the tunnel at Baltimore. The engine was detached and another procured to pull the train to Washington. The accident caused no damage to the train. This is the first accident that has happened to a train in which the president was traveling.

## TRADERS' NARROW ESCAPE.

**Party That Faced Death in North Rescued From Starvation.**

Seattle, Sept. 22.—On the verge of starvation and threatened with scurvy at a lonely trading post on Kamchatka peninsula, four white persons and one Japanese fisherman were found when the schooner Emily Claudina reached Uka, June 29. The survivors were conveyed to Nome and came thence to Seattle.

The party consists of Cecil Meares, representing the London firm of Compston & Schwabe, and Valentine Kuceuski, wife and child. Meares was engaged in trading with the Siberian natives for furs and whalebone. Kuceuski was his assistant.

Last year the company chartered a Japanese vessel at Yokohama to take the party to Kamchatka peninsula.

After the arrival war broke out between Russia and Japan, and Japanese merchantmen did not dare venture into Siberian waters.

Meares was not aware of this and toward the latter part of May looked for the arrival of a boat load of supplies for the summer. Day after day he watched for the vessel, but it did not come. Finally on June 2 the schooner Emma Claudina hove in sight, with the news that Meares was to be taken to Nome.

## DIED OF HEMORRHAGE.

**Noted Stock Man and Secretary of Live Stock Association.**

Denver, Sept. 22.—Word has reached here that Charles F. Martin, secretary of the National Livestock Association, while journeying to Cheyenne, Wyo., from this city, was seized with a hemorrhage of the lungs and expired a few minutes after being removed from the train at Greeley, Colo. Mr. Martin had long been afflicted with pulmonary trouble. He is survived by a widow who was notified by message of his death.

When the National Livestock Association was organized in Denver several years ago, Mr. Martin was chosen secretary and was unanimously re-elected at each annual meeting of the organization. Through his position he became one of the best known men in the west and he had a host of friends.

Mr. Martin also had an enviable newspaper career, having edited several papers in the west and held important positions on others. He served the Associated Press for several years as its Denver representative.

Mr. Martin superintended the taking of the first government livestock census.

## FREAK BULL TO BE EXHIBITED.

**Three-Year-Old Dwarf Animal Weighs 127 Pounds.**

Sprague, Sept. 22.—Another animal freak, in the shape of a dwarf bull, has been discovered 12 miles south of Sprague. A freak menagerie man had the animal shipped to the sound. The animal is 3 years old and stands 32½ inches high at the shoulder and is 44 inches from horns to tail. It weighs only 127 pounds. It is perfectly formed, and the only unusual thing about it, except its size, is a hump on its shoulders something similar to that of a buffalo.

## GOES TO PHILADELPHIA.

**Odd Fellows' Grand Lodge Will Not Meet at Washington.**

San Francisco, Sept. 22.—The sovereign grand lodge of Odd Fellows has reconsidered its action in designating Washington as the place of next year's convention. By unanimous vote Philadelphia was selected. The great disparity in the number of Odd Fellows at Washington and Philadelphia compared with the population gave the session to Philadelphia.

## Fair Receipts Fell Short.

Salern, Sept. 22.—Although it may require a week or more for Secretary Wylie A. Moore to complete the balancing of the accounts of the present state fair, it is evident that the gate—receipts for the week will fall short of those of last year by about \$700. A material shortage will also be shown in the gross receipts, which is accounted for to a great extent by the absence of contributions from stockmen, more particularly by the owners of the large herds of pure-bred cattle. Over \$900 from this source last year was not realized this year on account of the largest herds going to the St. Louis fair.

## Held for Manslaughter.

Meirose, Sept. 22.—Fenton, the express driver who dropped a box of dynamite which was struck by a trolley car last night, resulting in the death of nine persons and the serious injury of 40 more, was today held to answer to a charge of manslaughter. His bail was fixed at \$1000 and the hearing set for October 4.

## Alleged Lyncher Acquitted.

Huntsville, Ala., Sept. 22.—Thomas Riggins was acquitted tonight on a charge of murder in the first degree for connection with the lynching of Horace Staples.

## Davis Speaks at Wheeling.

Wheeling, W. Va., Sept. 22.—Henry Gasaway Davis, the vice presidential nominee, spoke to a large and enthusiastic audience at the Wigwam tonight.

## JAPANESE ARE REPORTED TO BE SLOWLY ADVANCING ON RUSSIANS AT MUKDEN

**Preliminary Fighting Has Already Occurred in Da Mountains, Where Japs Try to Capture Passes.**

**Russian Spies Declare That Considerable Part of Force Which Took Liao Yang Has Been Sent Back to Assist in Operations Against Port Arthur—News From Front is Meager and Indecisive.**

While the Japanese are reported to be slowly advancing upon Mukden, there has been no fighting worthy of note between the opposing armies. Definite information from Port Arthur is very meager and inconclusive. Minor successes are reported. Russian spies allege that a considerable force has been detached from the Japanese army which captured Liao Yang and sent back to aid the operations against Port Arthur. The formation of several Russian rifle brigades for service in the far east has been ordered.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 22.—The Japanese operations against Mukden are rapidly developing. General Kuropatkin announces that the Japanese army at Bentsiaputze is beginning to advance northward. The outposts yesterday tried to capture Kaoutou pass, commanding the road to Fushan. The Russians are offering a stubborn resistance, which is likely to retard decisive operations.

Kuropatkin has placed strong forces astride the Mukden and Fushan roads to Bentsiaputze. The Russians are also holding all the passes of the Da range eastward of Bentsiaputze.

A dispatch from Harbin announces that another Japanese regiment is moving further eastward, but it is regarded as improbable that the Japanese will move in considerable force from Dzianchtan, along the roads leading to Mukden, Fushan and Shinmin. Severe fighting is probable before the Japanese succeed in reaching the Hun river.

There is no further news from Port Arthur, but the anxiety as to the fate of its gallant defenders has been relieved by foreign telegrams received here, announcing the Japanese have not captured any important positions.

## TRY TO TURN RUSSIAN LEFT.

**Attempts of Japanese Thus Far Are Without Success.**

St. Petersburg, Sept. 22.—General Kuropatkin telegraphs under yesterday's date that the Japanese continue their attempts to turn the Russian left, but without success.

According to the latest information received by the war office, Field Marshal Oyama's advance forces are still 30 miles south and southwest of Fushan. The war office does not expect a battle at Fushan until after a series of rear guard engagements.

## RUSSIANS EXPECTED TO WIN.

**Kuropatkin Had Made Preparations to Hold Liao Yang.**

Tokio, Sept. 22.—General Oku has written an extended report of the operations preceding the capture of Liao Yang, and in conclusion he expressed the opinion that General Kuropatkin had determined to hold Liao Yang, his plan being first to attack and defeat General Kuroki and then to assault the Japanese center and left armies. Oku declares that the stubborn resistance of the Russians at Liao Yang proves that their retreat was not prearranged.

## Slavs Suffer Small Loss.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 22.—A detachment under General Rennenkampf, while reconnoitering yesterday, lost two officers and nine men killed and nine officers and 21 men wounded.

## No News Received.

Chefoo, Sept. 23.—No news of importance has been received from Port Arthur or elsewhere today.

## CRUISERS READY FOR SERVICE.

**Russian Vessels Ready to Resume Offensive, Says Cladot.**

St. Petersburg, Sept. 22.—Captain Cladot, Vice Admiral Skrydloff's chief

of staff, has arrived from Vladivostok with important dispatches for the emperor. In an interview Captain Cladot informed the correspondent of the Associated Press that the repairs to the protected cruiser Bogatyr had been completed; that the damages to the armored cruisers Grombol and Rossi did not necessitate their going into drydock, and that both were fit to resume active service. He admits that the chief mission of these vessels is to prey upon commerce, but says they had a hard fight with Vice Admiral Kamimura's ship when the latter attempted to cut off their retreat.

Cladot says the Russians will be unable to recapture Port Arthur, in the event of its fall, without having the mastery of the sea, and he urges the dispatch of every available ship to the far east, including the Black sea fleet.

Admiral Birileff, the Russian naval commander at Cronstadt, has ordered the battleship Orel, the cruisers Oleg and Jemichug and the transport Kametchatka to be ready for sea September 25, and the cruiser Izumrud on September 29. They will join Vice Admiral Rojestvensky's squadron.

The correspondent of the Associated Press is informed on good authority that Grand Duke Alexis, the high admiral, favors sending out the Baltic fleet to the far east by way of Cape Horn, but it is still undecided whether the fleet will start this year.

The Russ and Novoe Vremya refuse to accept the low estimate of the Japanese financial and military resources contained in the English dispatches. They say they have no reason to suppose that they are more correct than the pictures of the situation in Russia published in the British press. The Russ is convinced that the Japanese are able to place as many able-bodied men in the field as France, whose capacity, the Russ says, is 2,500,000 men. The paper admits that Russia is greatly handicapped by the distance of her army from headquarters here and urges doubling the Siberian railroad.

## RUSSIAN CAVALRY ACTIVE.

**Artillery Tempts Enemy at 6000 Yards.**

General Kuroki's Headquarters. In the field, Sept. 17, via Fusan, Sept. 22.—The Russians are reconnoitering along the Japanese front with a large force of cavalry supported by guns. With three guns they appeared yesterday evening within 6000 yards of Yental station and threw a few shells at the station. They continued the cannonading at intervals all today. The Russian force on the Mukden road extends from Shulho, eight miles north of Yental to Tsotoltsu, five miles northeast.

## JAPS HAVE GOOD POSITION.

**Shell Port Arthur From Vantage Ground.**

Tokio, Sept. 22, 3 p. m.—While official confirmation is lacking, it seems that the Japanese possess a fort on another height westward of Iteshan which they carried by desperate assault and have since resisted all attempts at recapture by the Russians. Both of these heights overlook Port

Arthur, offering excellent gun positions, which materially weaken the Russian defense.

## COLD AT MUKDEN.

**Battle Seems to Be Imminent at Fushan.**

Mukden, Sept. 21.—(Delayed.)—A battle is hourly expected to occur in the vicinity of Fushan, 30 miles east of here. At present all is quiet. The weather is turning cold.

## Officers Faring Well.

Tsingtau, Sept. 22, 3 p. m.—Admiral Melozvitch has recovered sufficiently to leave the hospital and the other wounded Russians here are convalescing. The majority of the officers of the Russian battleship Czarevitch and the three torpedo boat destroyers dismantled here have left their ships and are living at hotels.

## ASSASSIN'S PLOT FAILS.

**Young Man Tries to Kill Chief of Police of Odessa.**

St. Petersburg, Sept. 22.—In Odessa this morning, while Chief of Police Neldgart, in company with Prince Obelonsky, his assistant, was inspecting the new government buildings, a young man fired with a revolver from a distance of six paces at Neldgart. The bullet did not strike the chief of police and the would-be assassin was about to fire again when he was seized by Prince Obelonsky. The man's weapon fell to the ground and a desperate struggle ensued, during the course of which Neldgart was wounded in the hand with a dagger. The assailant was secured and placed in custody. He refuses to give his name or an account of himself.

## MACHINISTS WANT MORE PAY.

**And Secretary Morton Is Investigating Wage Conditions.**

Washington, Sept. 22.—Secretary Morton has addressed letters to various large industrial companies throughout the country, asking them for information about the pay their machinists receive and the classes into which they are divided, the amount of piecework done, the premium paid for overtime work and other matters about the employment of men in the trades.

Machinists at the pavyard at Washington have asked for increased pay, and the investigation by the secretary is in the interest of this request.

## CHIEF JOSEPH IS DEAD.

**Nex Perce Warrior Succumbs to Attack of Heart Disease.**

Spokane, Sept. 22.—Chief Joseph, the famous Nex Perce warrior, is dead. He had been in poor health for some time. Joseph was sitting by a campfire on the Colville reservation Wednesday afternoon and was seen by Indians to fall from his seat to the ground. When they lifted him it was found he had died from heart disease.

Henry M. Steele, Indian agent at Nes Pilem, sent a messenger with a dispatch to the Spokesman-Review and the message was telegraphed from Wilbur tonight.

## LONG TERM FOR HAMMOND.

**Bearmouth Trainrobber Given Sentence of Fifteen Years.**

Philipsburg, Mont., Sept. 22.—George F. Hammond, who confessed to holding up the train on the Northern Pacific railway at Bearmouth last June, pleaded guilty to a charge of grand larceny and burglary today and was immediately sentenced to 15 years in the state penitentiary at hard labor. Hammond smiled when sentence was pronounced. Christie, the self-confessed pal of Hammond, who yesterday pleaded guilty to a charge of larceny, was given seven years and taken to the penitentiary today.

## Decision on Contraband.

Rome, Sept. 22.—A St. Petersburg dispatch to a news agency, not confirmed from any other source, asserts that an extraordinary meeting of the commission to consider the question of contraband was held yesterday at which it was decided that coal, cotton and iron materials should be declared contraband.

## Newman Has Not Resigned.

Cleveland, Sept. 22.—President W. H. Newman of the New York Central pronounces the report that he had resigned a hoax.

## SORRY END OF LOVERS' ESCAPADE

**Portland Police Arrest Frank Allen, Who Had Kept Della Earl a Prisoner in His Filthy River Hut.**

**Bound Her at Night and Required Her to Don Masculine Attire.**

## BEAT WAY ACROSS COUNTRY

**Girl Says She Eloped From Farm Near Lansing, Mich., and That She Endured Many Hardships.**

New York, Sept. 22.—Judge Parker, democratic candidate for the presidency, arrived in this city today from Esopus for the purpose of conferring with the leaders of the party. Judge Parker was driven at once to the Hoffman house, where he will stop while in the city. It is expected he will return home tomorrow and visit New York only two or three times more during the campaign.

During the day Judge Parker held long conferences with Senator Gorman, adviser for the national committee, Chairman Taggart and other men prominent in democratic circles. The discussion took wide range and many matters affecting the campaign were considered. Judge Parker expressed gratification at the harmonious session of the state convention yesterday, and was pleased with the settlement of the local differences existing between the party leaders.

Among those who were present at today's conferences was Representative Cowherd, chairman of the congressional committee. Mr. Cowherd urged upon the committee the importance of decreasing the republican majority in the house and made an appeal for additional funds with which to carry out his work.

Herman Ridder, editor of the New York Staats Zeitung, suggested that the work of the national committee should be concentrated in the six doubtful states, which, he said, are New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin. He believed better results could be secured by making an aggressive campaign in those states than by pursuing any other course.

During the day and evening many other democratic politicians called on Judge Parker and conferences were numerous.

## STEEL BRIDGE COLLAPSES.

**Three Killed and Many Hurt in Indian Territory Accident.**

Vinita, I. T., Sept. 22.—The east pier of the steel toll bridge being erected over the Grand river at Carey's ferry, fell at noon, killing three men, fatally injuring three and injuring 21 others, some of whom suffered broken limbs. A messenger from the scene states that 100 men were at work at the time. The pier collapsed without warning owing to faulty construction of the foundation, which was not on bedrock and was undermined by the water.

## Schooner Lost Off Jersey Coast.

Boston, Sept. 22.—A dispatch from Harwich, Mass., tells of the loss of the schooner Elvira J. French off the Jersey coast and seven of her crew of nine men. The engineer and one of the crew clung to wreckage for four days and three nights, when they were rescued by a passing schooner.

## Colorado Democratic Ticket.

Denver, Sept. 22.—The state democratic convention today nominated John F. Shafroth for congressman at large by acclamation. The ticket is as follows:

For governor, Alva Adams; for lieutenant governor, E. M. Ammons; for secretary of state, H. W. Havens.

## Cold in New England.

New York, Sept. 22.—Reports come from many New England states of severe cold and frosts.